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## Report of the President, AUS Council October 7<sup>th</sup> 2015

### Committees and Working Groups

- Ad-Hoc Human Resources Review Committee: Setting up first Committee meeting soon to discuss implementation of 2014-2015 HR Review, role of Secretary General, and more
- MOA Working Group: Met Sept 30 to write a formal response to McGill's MOA offer
- Constitutional and By-Law Review Committee: had to cancel meeting on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> because I needed to go to Toronto due to family emergency. Next meeting probably on Oct 16<sup>th</sup>
- Arts Computer Lab Fund Committee and Info Tech Committee: Possibly merging these two committees together due to very similar purposes of funds but need to confirm first with Dean. The two Technology Coordinators (under VP Communications portfolio) will sit as members-at-large on both committees. Lots of potential tech/computer projects to use these funds for, but talk to me or VP Communications about ideas you may have!
- Arts Internship Office Advisory Committee: Confirming selection of AUS Councillors for this committee since there will likely be a conflict-of-interest provision around AIOAC student membership included in Committee Bylaws. Meeting once members confirmed.
- Accountability Committee: Still hiring Secretary General. After that, this committee will become responsible for reviewing AUS Executive Work Study Program timesheets
- SSMU Presidents' Roundtable: Meeting Oct 14 to discuss Student Association Execs' Code of Conduct Policy, Indigenous Affairs Assembly Recruitment, and more
- McGill Alumni-Student Engagement Council: Was not able to attend MASEC meeting on Sept 30 but VP External attended and has an update on this committee in her report
- Dean of Arts Selection Advisory Committee: Met Oct 7<sup>th</sup> to shortlist candidates. Unfortunately due to confidentiality requirement for Committee I can't say much more!
- Faculty of Arts Council: met Sept 29<sup>th</sup> and discussed faculty/university affairs eg. early budget indications and new Public Policy masters. See VP Academic report for more!

### Memorandum of Agreement Negotiations and SNAX

- Sent McGill our formal written response to their offer on Sept 30<sup>th</sup> after MOA working group meeting. Main points of AUS position included: selling pre-packaged sandwiches, using only legally recognized food suppliers, regular inspections of SNAX, SNAX installing new Point of Sale system, and SNAX maintaining independent products pricing control
- Was supposed to meet with McGill (ie. Deputy Provost and Student Housing and Hospitality Services) on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>. However, that meeting was cancelled without explanation with less than 24 hours notice and postponed until October 23<sup>rd</sup>

### AUS Governance

- New Arts Rep Gabriel Ning elected in By-Election! Congratulations to Gabriel and we all look forward to working with him. Currently transitioning Gabriel into Exec Committee
- Voting on Fall referendum dates this council. Possible questions for fall referendum period are Constitutional amendments around VP Finance selection process (discussion

on this topic this Council!), VP Social portfolio restructuring, AUS fiscal year dates, Arts Reps position description. Need to also renew/alter certain student fees, but may leave that until Winter referendum period.

- Met with a few EUS Execs Oct 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss VP Finance selection process best practices
- Working on info package for departmental associations on Dept General Assemblies
- Met with Elections AUS on Sept 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss election dates, plans for year, and more
- Very brief presentation to AUS Council on Nov 18<sup>th</sup> about course evaluations from TLS
- Reminder: [AUS Council Equity training session](#) at beginning of meeting on Nov 4<sup>th</sup>

### **Human Resources**

- Hiring a Secretary General; applications were open until midnight October 6<sup>th</sup>
- AUS Executive Assistant will now produce bi-weekly, available for viewing upon request
- Have hired Secondary Speakers, Work Your BA Coordinators, Deputy Returning Officer
- Continuing [HR Review](#) through Ad-Hoc HR Review Committee and Secretary General. Focus on creating HR Bylaws, position/salary changes, and compliance with labour laws

### **Other Updates**

- Still no update on when the restoration of Arts façade will be finished...
- Attended DPSLL-organized Student Association Execs meet and greet on Sept 30<sup>th</sup>
- Looking for someone NOT from Canadian Studies for [McGill Institute for the Study of Canada circular review](#) on November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>—contact me if you're interested!
- [Laptop lending program](#) has begun! Booking webform can be found on AUS website
- Still waiting on cost estimates for [Leacock Space Project](#) from Campus Space and Planning. Considering looking at improvements to computer areas in Leacock Lobby
- Arts Rep Lexi will be attending [consultation on City of Montreal's plans to revitalize McTavish street](#) as part of 'River to Mountain Path' of Montreal's 375<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Met with DPSLL and Faculty of Arts Admin on Sept 29 to discuss AUS Execs' building access. Execs will likely sign a 'code of conduct' agreement for continued 24/7 access.
- Considering raising the table booking fee for non-AUS groups starting winter semester
- Set my [Office Hours for Fall Semester](#): Mondays 10:15-11:30 and 1:00-5:30; Tuesdays 1:00-2:30; Wednesdays 1:00-2:30; Fridays 10:15-11:30. Available other times by email!

Respectfully Submitted,

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